

CALL ATTENTION NOTICE re : SCARCITY OF SUGAR IN KOLAR DISTRICT

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I call the attention of the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies to the scarcity of sugar in Kolar District in general and Srinivasapur Taluk in particular.

Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—The Calling Attention Motion cites a News Item in the 'Kannada Prabha' dated 19-3-1968, wherein it has been stated that due to the cancellation of the allotment of sugar made to the District from the Gauribidanur Sugar Factory, sugar has been unavailable in Srinivasapur Town and in the rural areas. The News Item expresses the hope that Government would take immediate measures to see that sugar is supplied to the Taluk and the hardships of the people alleviated.

2. The following are the allotments of sugar made to the several taluks of Kolar District during the 3 months from December 1967 to February 1968 inclusive :

(in quintals)

	December 1967	January 1968	February 1968
K. G. F.	300	300	300
Kolar	180	170	170
Bangarpet	90	100	95
Malur	90	100	95
Mulbagal	90	100	95
Srinivasapur	90	100	95
Chintamani	110	110	100
Siddlagatta	90	95	90
Chickballapur	100	110	100
Gauribidanur	90	110	100
Bagepalli	90	105	90
Gudibanda	80	—	70

3. It would thus be clear that, except for a small additional allotment during January 1968, the quota for Srinivasapur Taluk is being maintained at a steady and reasonable level. The basis on which allotments are being made to the several taluks of the District is, as far as possible, related to the population and requirements of the Taluk. In the case of the K.G.F. area, which is under informal rationing, the issues are made at 500 grammes per adult per month.

4. The News Item relates to a specific difficulty felt during the month of March 1968. The difficulty arose due to the fact that the allotment of sugar communicated by the Government of India for the month of February/March 1968 included an allotment of 140 tonnes

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from the Gauribidanur Sugar Factory, which allotment was subsequently cancelled by the Government of India. Sugar allotments to the districts are usually made a few days in advance of the commencement of the sugar month (i.e., a few days before the 23rd of the month). Accordingly for February/March also, such an allotment was made on 17-2-1968 and intimated by wireless to the Districts.

5. The cancellation of the allotment from Gauribidanur by the Government of India was made known to us only on 7-3-1968. On the same day, the Government of India was moved by telegram to reallocate this quantity from some other Factory, and orders of reallocation were received from the Government of India on 11-3-1968. The District allotment of 140 tonnes was accordingly diverted to Kampli Sugar Factory instead of Gauribidanur.

6. Because of the unexpected cancellation of quota from Gauribidanur Sugar Factory, and because of its late intimation to us, there was certainly some difficulty caused to the consumers in Kolar District, including those in Srinivasapur Taluk. Regrettable as this is, it could not have been avoided in the circumstances explained above. However, we have now received information from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar, that sugar has been lifted in accordance with the reallocation made from Kampli Sugar Factory and that it is being distributed.

7. We are taking this up with the Government of India so that such difficulties do not recur.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Half-an-hour discussion will be taken up tomorrow. The House stands adjourned and meet tomorrow at 8-30 A.M.

The House adjourned at Fifteen Minutes past Eight of the Clock to meet again at Thirty Minutes past Eight of the Clock on 17th April 1968.
